



Ojai Valley to Receive \$2.8 million From FEMA
Brings Relief to Storm Damaged Region
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Washington, DC – U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) today announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) awarded the Ojai Valley Sanitary District \$2.8 million in Public Assistance program funding for eligible costs incurred by the storms of December 27, 2004 - January 11, 2005.

"This year's storms have had a devastating impact on California residents," Senator Feinstein said. **"FEMA's decision to provide much needed assistance to a community hurt by the storms is an important step to helping our state rebuild."**

The storms resulted in 24 deaths, \$235 million in damage to public facilities, 1,200 homes damaged or destroyed, 62 businesses damaged or destroyed, and 15,400 storm-related insurance claims filed, according to preliminary estimates by California officials. On February 4, President Bush declared a Federal disaster area for Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties.

The \$2.8 million came from FEMA's Public Assistance program which dedicates funds to eligible costs that may include debris removal, overtime pay for emergency workers, and the repair of roads and bridges, public buildings and equipment, and public utilities. The program reimburses 75 percent of the projects \$3.79 million cost to repair damaged sewer lines along the San Antonio Creek Road.

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